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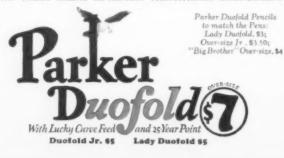
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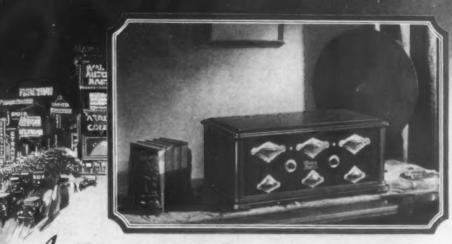
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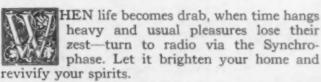
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Fain would I, too, and so would you Give all that beauty needed In brilliant verse and sparkling toasts, If we could get what he did.

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The place for me! Tip Bliss.

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Officer: Join the Follies.

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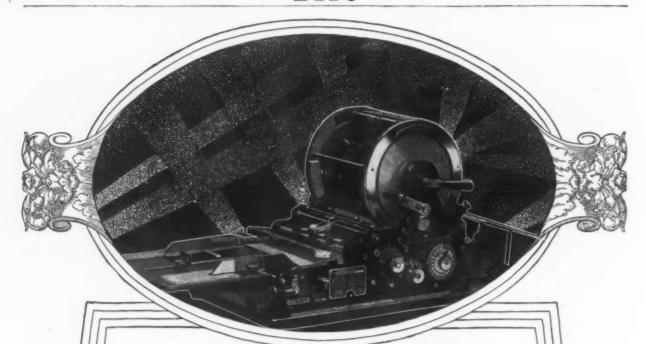
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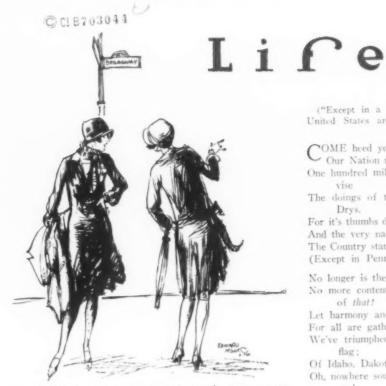


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The Main Stem

(If this literary endeavor should be awarded the Pulitzer Prize the author guarantees to cash the \$1,000 check the day it is received.)

THERE may be no hitching posts for horses on Broadway, N. Y., but it can boast of more street-corner yokels than any village or hamlet that haunts the dreams of Mencken the Pure.

There are more butter-and-egg men in Times Square than attend the annual county fair in Kokomo, Ind.

There's a broken heart for every light on Broadway, and two hundred cases of indigestion for every night

One railroad operates a "Congressional Limited" to Washington, the running time being just long enough to allow Congressmen to sober up.

No cowboys on a Saturday-night spree ever shoot up the Big Rue, but, oh, what the taxi chauffeurs do to it!

You haven't lived if you have never seen Broadway.

And you probably won't if you do.

Robert Hage.

Armament

"HERE, wife," said the modern gunman, returning home, "give this revolver to the baby to play with. I've got a machine gun now."

Except -

("Except in a few scattered localities, the people of the United States are solidly behind Prohibition."

—Wayne B. Wheeler.)

COME heed ye, loyal satellites, give ear unto my song; Our Nation now is unified, one hundred million strong. One hundred million strong, my lads, to guide and super-

The doings of their neighbors 'neath the banner of the Drys.

For it's thumbs down in Nevada on the flowing mug of ale And the very name of lager makes some Carolinians pale. The Country stands as but one man behind the Ban on Joy. (Except in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Illinois.)

No longer is the U. S. A. the scene of fuss and spat, No more contentions raise their heads—we've seen to all of that!

Let harmony and concord reign, unseemly quarrels cease, For all are gathered in the fold of gentleness and peace. We've triumphed out in Kansas and Nebraska joins the flag;

Of Idaho. Dakota, too, we feel that we can brag. Oh, nowhere sounds the sizzling foam, the popping of the cork.

(Except in Massachusetts, California and New York.)

United (as the fellow said) we stand, but split we fall, So lift your voices up in praise that all have heard the call, All (with some slight exceptions) sign upon the dotted line Of purity and abstinence and passiveness supine. In Arkansas the Demon Rum is overthrown in rout,

From Portland, Maine, to Yuma all is arid (just about), Victorious is the Bone, Bone Dry, and vanquished is the Wet.

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I will unnastan, awwlwayze, awwlwayze;

Daze manobby fair-r, rawlwayze,
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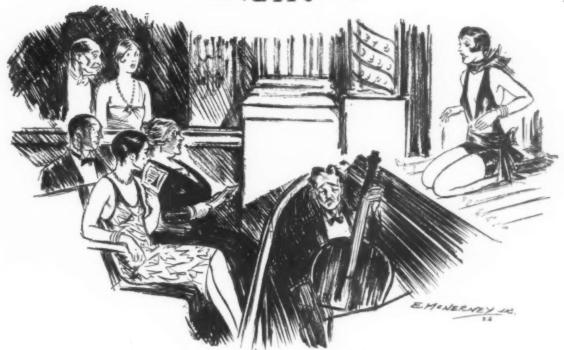
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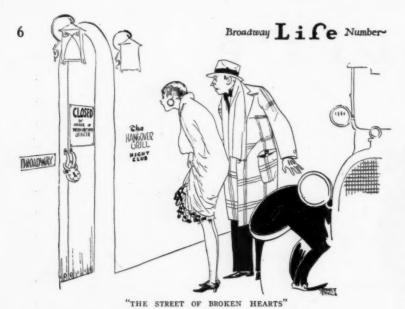
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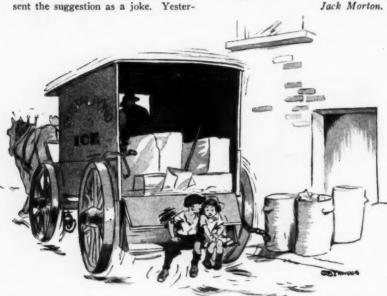
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Meetings in Heaven

The Third from the Right:
CHEER UP, DEARIE! IF AT FIRST
YOU DON'T SUCCEED, THIGH,
THIGH AGAIN!

Peter Minuit and the Chief of the Manhattas

PETER MINUIT saw approaching the one man in all heaven he always avoided meeting. It was the poor Indian chief whom Peter had induced to sell Manhattan Island for a beggarly twenty-four dollars.

So Peter fled hastily down a side-street. Unfortunately the streets converged and Peter came to the end of his thoroughfare just as the Indian was coming to the end of his. The meeting was inevitable.

"Hello," said Peter, putting a bold face on it.

"How," said the Indian.

Finding him so loquacious, Peter was encouraged to continue.

"You're not sore any more over our little trade, I hope?" said Peter.

"How," said the Indian.

Peter blushed and shifted uncomfortably. "Have you seen the old town lately?" he asked, and immediately could have bitten his tongue off. That did sound as if he were rubbing it in!

But the Indian said, "How," so there was nothing to do except to show it to him.

Peter took him to the Streetwith-a-view-of-Earth and unlatched the heavy bronze window. They watched in silence.

They watched the battle of the subways, the millions turning away from what little sunlight there was to dive into the bowels of the earth. They watched men and women crossing the streets, darting like frightened animals from one pavement to another, their lives forever hanging on the whims of autoists.

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AFTER THE MOVIE

Maggie: WHAT'D YA THINK UH TH' "OVERTURE FROM WILLIAM TELL"?

Sasie: WAS THAT THE BIG BUM'S NAME? I TOLD 'IM TA

wreathed from the pistols of gunmen in a dozen parts of the city and they watched the transportation of money surrounded with a ceremony of defense that shamed the days of the old robber barons.

They watched tall buildings give place to taller, garages piling on garages and theatres on theatres, while far out at the edges of the city ugly rows of thin-walled houses rose up by miles to shelter the workers.

Darkness came and the city took its pleasures. From thousands of homes came the wail of radio jazz, while the radio-listeners devoured eagerly the sensational crimes and scandals of the day as they were pictured in their picture-papers.

When the last waiter in the last night club had wiped the last whisky stains from his table, Peter shut the window and fastened the bronze latch. He turned and saw the Indian chief fumbling at his belt.

"Big chief honest man!" said the Indian proudly. "He no take candy from baby! He take only what thing worth!"

And opening Peter's hand, he thrust into it twenty-three dollars and ninety-eight cents' worth of wampum.

Bertram Bloch.

Idiomatic

"HERE'S a pretty kettle of fish!" said the Florida realtor as he sighted four immigrants approaching in a flivver.



The Placard Drama
Counteracting the ingrowing voices of the modern school

Life's Travel Contest

ITTLE Miss Joan Kinley has almost completed her breath-taking tour of Europe. Her seventh and next-to-last letter appears herewith.

Remember that Joan is well-meaning but a trifle dumb. Her letters contain inaccuracies-misstatements of fact-and it is on the detection and correction of these mistakes that the Travel Contest is Eased. The contestant who discovers, and corrects the greatest number of errors in Joan's eight letters, and writes the best essay of not more than three hundred words on "What I Shall See in Europe," will win the first prize.

Read Joan's letter and the conditions carefully.

This Is Joan's Seventh Letter-Watch for the Mistakes

EAREST EDITOR: I'm back in London after a trip to Stratford, the little town where William Shakespeare

was born. Unfortunately. I didn't see his birthplace, as it was burned to the ground recently, but I did see the place where he's buried in the cute little church here. To say that I was thrilled wouldn't be saying the half of it!

Shakespeare has always impressed me as a really fascinating character. He came of a very literary family -his twin brother (who wrote under the name of "Hall Caine") being just as famous as he. When he was quite a young man, Shakespeare got into some trouble with his wife, Anne Hathaway, because of his interest in that romantic creature, Lady Hamilton, and had to leave town. He walked all the way London, accompanied only by his cat, and they later elected him Mayor.

They tell an interesting story about him when he was writing "Romeo and Juliet" in his studio in the Tower of London. Who

> should come into the room but the Devil (actually, my dearthe Devil!) just to tempt him. But Shakespeare just laughed and threw an ink-well at the Devil, and they say the stain of the ink remains to this day!

> After returning from hakespeare's "home Shakespeare's town" I felt in such a desperately dramatic mood that I literally made Mother take me to the theatre. So we went to see "Is Zat So?" by Ring Lardner (my favorite author, next to Shakespeare). My dear, I just adored it!

Well, this is about all for now.

Your girl friend.

Joan Kinley

P. S.-I've got to go home next week, and gosh how I dread it! We sail on the Cunard liner "Leviathan," and I'll write you my last letter from the ship.

The winner of this Contest will be presented with a six-weeks' trip from any point in the United States or Canada to France and England and return—with ALL EXPENSES PAID, FOR TWO PEOPLE.

> There will be a second prize of \$250 in cash, a third prize of \$150, and a fourth prize of \$100.

Conditions

ONE of Joan's letters will appear each week for eight consecutive weeks, commencing May 6th and closing June 24th. In each letter will be errors and inaccuracies in her descriptions of routes, places, directions, etc., and on detection of these mistakes, not grammatical errors, or the use of slang, the Contest is based.

In order to compete it will be necessary to send in at one time the complete set of her letters (or exact typewritten copies) with your correction of each error plainly marked on its letter or on an accompanying sheet of paper.

The first prize will be awarded to the contestant who indicates the great-est number of errors in Joan's letters and who writes the best essay on "What I Shall See in Europe." This essay, which must not exceed three hunwords in length, is to be enclosed with the corrected letters.

All answers to this Contest must reach Life Office between 9 A.M. on June 24th and 12 noon on July 13th. No answers received at any other time will be considered as competing in the Contest.

Use one side of paper only, with your name and address in upper left-hand corner of each sheet; both essay and corner of each sneer; ooth essay and corrections to be typewritten or very plainly written; full first-class postage prepaid thereon, and sent to Joan Kin-ley, Life, 598 Madison Avenue, New

Announcement of the winners will appear in the August 5th issue of LIFE.

It is not necessary to be a subscriber to Life in order to compete. Copies of Life may be seen at any Public Library, or free of charge at the office of publication. You may copy the letters and use the copies you have made.

There is no limit to the number of answers that any one contestant may

The Contest is open to every one, except members of LIFE's staff and their families.

The judges will be three of the editors of LIFE, whose decision will be final.

In case of ties the prize will be given to each tying contestant.

Questions and Answers on the Travel Contest will be found on page 34



WRITES TOAN THAT SHE DIDN'T SEE SHAKE-SPEARE'S BIRTH -PLACE IN STRAT-FORD, AS IT WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND RECENTLY.



TURN ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY

THE AUDIENCE AT A SUMMER REVUE ADOPTS THE CHORUS STYLE OF DRESS.

From Pike Peters

Clearwater, Oklahoma (The Biggest Little City in the World.)

SEE by the public newspapers that "Hatrack" is going to be made into a stage play for Broadway, N. Y., and I am writing this to say that I would like to get in on some of this easy money myself, because formerly I was in the livery stable business and have plenty of

dramatic material for the N. Y. theatres.

Also I could tip the N. Y. theatres off to plenty of other similar things which happen around here and they

could put them into plays without having to wait for them to be published in a magazine and could get a scoop on the rest of Broadway that is asleep at the switch.

Being so busy with my cash garage I never realized before that plays could be made out of such things, but now it seems that there is a quick turnover in such ideas. Even if my Pawnee Garage is doing the best business this spring it has ever done, a fellow can always use a little more money, no difference how clean his books are, and so I thought I would go into the business of sup-

plying ideas for the theatres, because lots of things happen out here that ought to work into something just as good as the big box car scene, and the beauty of it is that they are all fresh and new as no paper would print them.

I will make the following arrangement with the right kind of theatrical manager, to-wit: for a happening that can be printed and talked about before women I would be willing to accept only one-tenth; but for a happening that can't be talked about before women but would make fine play

material I should expect one-fifth, subject to renewal.

Would be pleased to hear from any theatrical manager meaning business. Telegraph office open till midnight, also have Farmers' phone.

Yours for a quick turnover, PIKE PETERS.

(Owner and proprietor of the Pawnee Garage, Free air and postcards.)

Homer Croy.

Hopeless

GIFF: Silly! You believe that because you saw it in the newspaper.

GAFF: Not on your life. I saw it on a billboard.



HE NO LONGER CARRIES WATER ON BOTH SHOULDERS



THE GAY NINETIES

LOOKING FOR FATHER'S LEGS-A REGULAR ERRAND OF CHILDHOOD IN THE DAMPISH NINETIES.

Mrs. Pep's Diary

The urchins from the tenements May at the rear of our dwelling 25th making even more noise in the early hours of this day than they have done hitherto, I was at some pains to restrain Samuel, who, in spite of what poets have to say about happy little children at play in the springtime, was referring to them by a term which is used in books of history and by the Elizabethan dramatists to designate the less fortunate progeny of royalty, from hurling down upon the young marauders my cauldron of vegetable juices which had been simmering all night. And

when he did entreat me, rhetorically, as to how he was ever to be rid of such a nuisance, I did counsel him to have some threatening handbills printed with which to circularize the offenders' parents from an aeroplane, but he gave me small heed. Then to my letters, marvelling that a real-estate firm will spend hundreds of dollars on costly stationery and engraving plates to disguise an invitation to inspect a new apartment house as a wedding announcement and then permit the same to be addressed by a commercial penman who not only inscribes the name of our city

on the outer envelope but abbreviates it as well. Looking hopefully, too, at the tabloid paper which we take in, to learn whether or not it has accepted for the sum of one dollar the account of my life's most embarrassing moment, which was to find myself on a weekend in the hunting district with nought but chiffon raiment into which Elsie Ferguson could have stepped for any given third act, but did find that inadvertent dislocations of false teeth and untimely remarks of youthful relatives are still taking precedence with the

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THE WARDROBE MISTRESS-OLD AND NEW STYLE

The Girl Scouts in Racing Form

S PRING was almost over, so the Girl Scouts just had to do something.

"Well, girls," exclaimed their tried

and trusty Scout Mistress, Miss Blum, "do you realize that this is our third summer as the Dandelion Troop of Girl Scouts?"

"Then let us play," cried Little Eva, the eldest Scout, tying a double slip-knot in her garter as she spoke.

"Play what?" queried Hilda, the next in age, her cheeks glowing with girlish wholesomeness.

"Why, the Horse Races, of course," replied Jasmine, the youngest. "Don't you remember how the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES told us to encourage all healthy, vigorous games? And what could be healthier," she concluded, "than racing a horse?"

"If the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES wishes it," agreed Miss Blum, dropping an old - fashioned curtsy at the august title, "we must indeed comply. Forward, Scouts," she commanded, "to the bank to withdraw the funds of the troop."

"Oh, girls," giggled Hilda a few minutes later, "here's the most darling little horsie, Wayne Wheeler, in the second at Jamaica. I'll bet on him."

"My wager shall go to Girlie-Boy," said Little Eva.

STAGE NON

Mae: LET'S MATCH FOR THE EATS!

Sue: WHERE SHALL WE LUNCH?

Mae: LET'S MATCH FIRST!

"And mine to Man-Alive," screamed the youngest Scout, playfully shaking her tiny fist at the other two.

"Girl Scout work promotes loyalty and true sportsmanship," declared Miss Blum, as she placed the girls' money.

> "I love to see a Girl Scout place a bet," replied the agent, with a kindly twinkle in his eye. "And now for the results," he added.

> Even as he spoke a man in a checked cap removed his ear from the telephone. "Wayne Wheeler loses," he announced; "Girlie-Boy comes in tenth; Man-Alive falls dead."

At this unexpected news the Scouts were somewhat crestfallen, but in a few moments their natural good spirits returned.

"Scouts," cried Little Eva, "our money has not gone in vain. We have encouraged the races. And do they not improve the breed of horseflesh?"

"That they do," seconded Hilda, "and the breed must be improved," she finished, giving the full Scout salute.

"Yes, the breed must be improved," echoed Miss Blum, as in true woodcraft fashion she lit a cigarette with one match.

W. W. Scott.



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ON May 29 Senator Borah, of Idaho, addressed the Presbyterian

General Assembly at Baltimore upon the iniquity of the State of New York in proposing to hold a referendum on the Volstead Act, and incidentally on the cussedness of all persons opposed to Prohibition as at present operating. The referendum that is going to be in the State of New York seems to ordinary minds quite mild. It merely asks the opinion of the voter whether Congress should modify the Volstead Act so that it shall not prohibit the sale of beverages that are not in fact intoxicating. That does not seem very awful, but Senator Borah sees in it the thin edge of perdition and possibly of civil war.

There is an existing situation of illegal traffic in intoxicants which is very unsatisfactory to many persons otherwise reputable. Does Senator Borah suggest anything to help that situation?

Nothing whatever except for all hands to study the law and the Amendment and obey them.

That that is going to be done does not seem at all likely. The referendum in New York is ostensibly an effort to discover whether the Volstead Act cannot be so modified as to make it enforcible. Ostensibly it is an effort to improve existing laws, but Mr. Borah apparently does not want existing liquor laws improved. He wants them to continue as they are. Whether they are obeyed better or worse in Idaho than in New York he does not say, nor yet whether they are more acceptable in Idaho than in New York. If there is a tight enforcement in Idaho

he should have told the Presbyterians about it. But did he? Not a word. But he did say that the State that falls down on Volstead enforcement "is disloyal to the fundamental principles upon which this Federal government is formeded."

HIS address abounds in rash statements. Because New York repealed the Mullan-Gage law he says it is in the same case that South Carolina was in in Calhoun's time. South Carolina passed laws prohibiting the execution of certain Federal tariff laws. It nullified laws of the United States by State authority. New York has done nothing of the sort. There has been no nullification of the Federal law in that sense here. There is lawbreaking, a lot of it, but there is no nullification by the State authority.



MR. BORAH shudders at the thought of having the individual States determine each for itself what proportion of alcohol makes an intoxicant. Why should he shudder? What better business could the States be in? Mr. Borah declares that "the supreme test of good citizenship is to obey the Constitution and laws when written." That is certainly not the supreme test of being a good man, and if good citizenship has come to be more important than to be a good man the times have changed for the worse.

A headline in the Herald Tribune runs: "Borah Hailed as Leader of Drys for '28." Does that mean that he is hailed by the Drys as the Republican candidate or will the Prohibitionists put up a candidate of their own two years from now as they used to do in former times? Their proper candidate is H. Houdini, who hesitates at spirits and refuses to be shown. They must have some one who can never be shown. Perhaps Borah will do for them. He could not run for President on a moral issue. He has not got it in him to pick a sound one. But he might run on a legal issue and that is all the Drys have got. The one thing he said in his speech that it was useful to say was that referendums are the device of politicians to get past Election Day without disclosing their own position.



A GOOD many worthy people seem to be extremely scandalized by Elmer Davis's piece in *Harper's* about Bishop Manning. They take it very hard as an assault on the Church, and as irreverent.

Why should they feel so? What a compliment to Dr. Manning to be the subject of the leading article in a magazine of the prestige of Harper's!

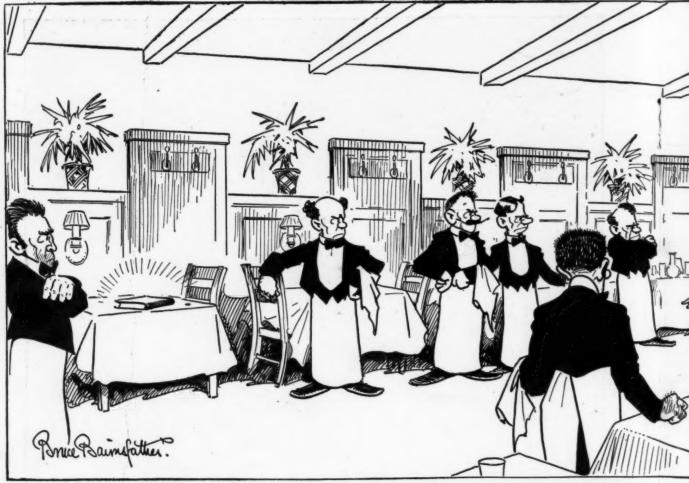
The piece is a little gay, but it gives the Bishop more credit than blame. No one can call it scurrilous. But this world is full of people who have got so used to sitting under clergymen on Sunday and hearing them make confident statements on disputed matters without contradiction or reply, that they think that is the normal attitude of mankind towards the clergy; that preachers should say anything they like and that no man should answer them.

Nothing that can be said publicly about such a man as Dr. Manning can do him any harm. The things with power to hurt him are not what Elmer Davis says about him but what he says himself. If what he says himself won't wash, that is of some importance. A great judge of what is profitable or otherwise told his followers to rejoice when folks spoke evil of them without cause. That is first-rate psychology. An attack on a man rallies all his friends and makes him new ones. One would not call Mr. Davis's article on Dr. Manning an attack, but in so far as it shocks his friends it does him good, and in so far as it recognizes his importance, it is as useful an advertisement for him as it might be to have a hijacker steal his crook.

E. S. Martin.



Another Scrap of Paper



THE MAN WHO ONLY LEFT A NICKEL, AND HAD TO COME BACK FOR HIS BOOK

The Wise Guy

Scene: Broadway in the Forties.

HE WISE GUY: Well, Harry! Well, you old son-of-a-gun! HARRY: George! Ya big stiff, how

are ya?

THE WISE GUY: Gooling 'em, kid!

HARRY: You was always the slick one, big

THE WISE GUY: You know me, Harry. In an' out, in an' out!

HARRY: Well, they was never no one what could put anything over on you.

THE WISE GUY: But I gotta laugh, Harry. HARRY: Go ahead, I'll laugh with you.

THE WISE GUY: Well, there was this guy, see! And he has a pretty slick little proposition-oh; nice! It had a shape like a pretzel. So I let him think he is stringing me along, and then right at the psycholagle moment, I double-crosses him!

HARRY: Sweet mamma!

THE WISE GUY: Right to his face I says,

"Ya big crook," I says, "what are ya gonna do about it, ya big crook?" I says. And of course he ain't got no more comeback than a derby hat has warts.

HARRY: Haw! Haw! Pretty sweet, I'll say.

THE WISE GUY: Saav-I almost like to forget to spill ya the big dirt. I up and got married.

HARRY: No, f'gossakes!

THE WISE GUY: That's me-look me over, kid. And oh, baby, some mommer! No kiddin', Harry, the little woman's a pip!

HARRY: Trust you to pick 'em!

THE WISE GUY: Well, if I say so meself, she's class. Saay, lissen, I wancha ta meet her. Wait, I give her a ring and we go right up now.

HARRY: I don't mind if I do. (The wise guy disappears into a cigar store to telephone. He emerges in due time.)

THE WISE GUY: Aw, that's a tough break. HARRY: 'Smatta?

THE WISE GUY: She ain't feeling so good, She got a kind of a sudden headache, like. I didn't speak to her-the maid says she was of n lying down tryin' to get some sleep.

HARRY: 'Stoo bad. Well, some other time, George.

THE WISE GUY: You seddit. You got to meet her, Harry. You be crazy about her.

HARRY: I beleeve it. You know your way about, son. So long, I give you a ring.

THE WISE GUY: You do that little thing. So long. (He goes off. A beautiful blonde emerges from the store next to the cigar store.)

THE BLONDE: Has he went? HARRY: Has who went?

THE BLONDE: My husband, brain-

HARRY: Your husband! So that's why you ducked into the store like that!



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THIS IS HOW MONDAY NIG DAUGUTER," HIS DEVIEW TWADDLE - AN THE INTEL



THE BLONDE: You said it, Harry. I ain't taking no chances. Honest, that blue plate , like. e was of mine is one terrible little wise guy! Henry William Hanemann.

Floreat Hicksville!

(Real-estate agents in Hicksville, N. Y., recently asked that the name of the town be changed, but the citizens voted to reject this suggestion.)

HOUGH towns pervert their names by scores

To please our booming realtors, Though Haverstraw be changed to Bricksville,

The farmer's poultry-yard to Chicks-

And Hell's metropolis to Styxville, Let Hicksville be forever Hicksville! Arthur Guiterman.

Broadway Maxims

TWO'S a company; three's a corporation.

All the world loves a winner, but only the wise guys love her in time. . . .

It's getting so that when a gal tells you she's playing the "two-a-day" circuit, you don't know whether she means vaudeville or divorce.

If a man makes the best rat-trap in the world, he's a sap to stay in a forest, where he can't fix a deal to split with the ticket speculators.

. . .

. . . Money talks mostly broken English. . . .

If you stand long enough at the corner of Forty-second Street and Broadway, everybody you know will pass you by.

They call them supper clubs because people don't like to admit they eat breakfast that early.

James Kevin McGuinness.

JUST BETWEEN US GIRLS



MY dear, HAVE you been to the Blue Balloon? Honestly, it's the duck's quack! Most DIVINE music you've ever heard and the orchestra leader looks like a dope fiend...ACTU-ALLY, my dear, he's SIMPLY fascinating.... The way he looks at you SIMPLY sends the shivers up your spine....The other night he wanted to dance with me and the man I was with was SIMPLY furious.... Honestly, my dear, it was the FUNNIEST thing you've ever SEEN. ...You positively MUST go there, my dear.... Have you the SLIGHTEST idea what time it is? I had breakfast in BED simply AGES ago and the maid was SIMPLY furious, it was so late.... WHAT? SIX? How simply AWFUL....I promised faithfully to play BRIDGE at Dora's at FOUR! I mean I ACTUALLY did."

Lloyd Mayer.

Americana

HE: I've an idea to open a chain of stores be-tween New York and Boston.

SHE: What will you sell? HE: Oh, I'll sell the idea.

IT'S a wise chorus girl that knows her own limousine.



good,

THIS IS HOW HE LOOKED ON MONDAY NIGHT AT THE
OPENING OF "PASSION'S
DAUGHTER," DESCRIBED IN
HIS SVIEW AS "TIRESOME
TWADULE — AN INSULT TO THE INTELLIGENCE.



A DRAMATIC CRITIC RUNS THE GAMUT THIS WAS HIS PREVAILING EXPRESSION ON TUESDAY NIGHT, WHEN HE SAW DISEASES OF 1926"-WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS THE "GAYEST, HAPPIEST

EVENT OF THE SEASON.



ON WEDNESDAY, AT "UP IN BETTY'S BOUDOIR," HE AP-PEARED AS ABOVE. IN HIS

REVIEW HE CONCEDED THAT THE PLAY WAS "BOISTER-OUSLY VULGAR-BUT LAUGHABLE, FOR ALL THAT."



ON FRIDAY, AT THE WORLD PREMIÈRE OF "BANANA OIL," HE WORE THE ABOVE EX-PRESSION-ADMITTING SUB-SEQUENTLY THAT HE HAD "CHUCKLED IMMODERATELY THROUGHOUT THE SHOW.



FURTHERMORE, HE LOOKED ABOUT LIKE THIS ON SAT-URDAY NIGHT, WHEN IN THE PIGGEST POT OF THE EVENING HE HELD FOUR KINGS.

Confidentia

Owing to the time it takes to print LIFE, readers should verify from the daily newspapers the continuance of the attractions at the theatres mentioned.

More or Less Serious

Beyond Evil. Cort-To be reviewed next

week.

Bride of the Lamb. Henry Miller's—Alice
Brady excellent as the housewife whose sex
found expression in religion.

Craig's Wife. Morosco—Showing that keeping house does not always keep the husband.

Chrystal Herne as the woman who found this
out. A good play which won a prize.

The Great God Brown. Klaw—Eugene O'Neill's important contribution to the drama of the psyche, thrilling for the first half but with increasing cloudiness.

Kongo. Biltmore—Three acts of the old hoke, which is not entirely without effect on its

Lulu Belle. Belasco—A vivid account of the progress of a heartless harlot from Harlem to Paris, with Lenore Ulric at her very best and ably supported by Henry Hull.

Sex. Daly's—No more shocking than the preceding and not so well done.

The Shanghai Gesture. Skubert—Retribution stalking through a Chinese brothel under the expert guidance of Florence Reed.



Abie's Irish Rose. Republic-Stet.

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Alias the Deacon. Hudson—Good, regulation crook comedy.
At Mrs. Beam's. Guild—Highly amusing collection of British boarding-house types, including Jean Cadell. Lynn Fontanne and Alfred Lunt.
Cradle Snatchers. Music Box—Three middle-aged ladies in amorous mood, if you think it's funny.

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The Half-Naked Truth. Mayfair—To be reviewed next week.

The Importance of Being Earnest. Rits—Oscar Wilde still in the running.

Is Zat So? Forty-Sixth St.—Prisefight talk which is very funny.

Laff That Off. Wallack's—Adequate.

The Last of Mrs. Cheyney. Fullon—Ina Claire, with Roland Young and A. E. Matthews, in a delightful piece of knavery.

Love Em and Leave Em. Times Square—An all-around nice play dealing with the troubles of department-store clerks.

Love-in-a-Mist. Gaiety—This little comedy is very fortunate in having so compelling a comedienne as Madge Kennedy.

One of the Family. Ellings—Grant Mitchell in farcical troubles at home.

The Patsy. Booth—Claiborne Foster in

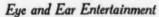
The Patsy. Booth—Claiborne Poster in something pleasant.

Pomeroy's Past. Longaces—If you like delicious dialogue, hear Ernest Truex and Laura Hope Crews in this.

Square Crooks. Maxine Ellioti's—Don't bother.

What Every Woman Knows. Bijou—Helen Hayes batting for Maude Adams with notable

The Wisdom Tooth. Little—The moving story of a young man who went back to his boyhood for a backbone. A good thing to see.



The Bunk of 1926. Broadkurst—Not the same show that opened uptown.
The Cocoanuts. Lyvic—The best clowning in town by the Marx Brothers.
Garrick Gaieties. Garrick—Smart inside-

stuff.

The Girl Friend. Vanderbilt—Puck and White in a good musical show.

Grand Street Follies. Neighborhood—To be reviewed later.

The Great Temptations. Winter Garden—A big show, full of glitter and dirt.

Iolanthe. Plymonth—Gilbert and Sullivan de luxe.

Kitty's Kisses. Playhouse-A lot of dancing

anyway.

A Night in Paris. Casino de Paris.—Prench and American in diverting combination.

The Palm Beach Girl. Globe.—To be reviewed later.

Scandals of 1926. Apollo.—To be reviewed

later.

Song of the Flame. Forty-Fourth St.—Tessa Kosta in spectacular singing. Sunny. New Amsterdem—Marilyn Miller. Jack Donahue and many other stars in a swell

Tip-Toes. Liberty-Out with a new summer ition.
The Vagabond King. Casino—Excellent

Vanities of 1926. Earl Carroll—Three of the country's funniest men—Joe Cook, Julius Tannen and Frank Tinney. The rest is girls.





TO WORSE

SINCE ADVERTISERS ARE WILLING TO PAY MORE THAN STORES DO FOR SPACE, BROAD-WAY'S WHITE-LIGHTS WILL COME DOWNSTAIRS.



The Djighits

HATEVER line of work we take up when we get through reviewing plays, it is not going to be that of a Cossack. This is final. No offer, no matter how flattering, from the Cossack authorities would tempt us ever to get on one of those horses and stand on our head in the saddle. We are nobody's fool.

The aggregation of Cossacks (or "Djighits," as they like to be called, which seems strange when you learn that it is pronounced "Jiggets") recently at Madison Square Garden in New York, on their way across the continent, seem to have this horseback riding pretty well in hand. They play all kinds of games on horseback, with the possible exception of chess. They make pyramids on horseback and hang by one foot from the saddle. They ride through a wall of fire (the local authorities permitting) and they do an unconscionable amount of shouting and yipping at all times. About the only feature of their performance in which we felt that we could compete with them at all was the yipping. We used to be a very good yipper indeed, as a boy.



ONE of the games of the Cossacks is called "Kavkaz." This is played somewhat in the manner of our hockey, except that there are no ice, skates or sticks. The puck, in this case, is a woolly ball, about the size of a basketball, which is tossed from one rider to another down the field and, if possible, past a goal-keeper into a sort of arbor-effect.

We are told in a program note that the peculiar appearance of the ball comes from the game's having originally been played with a live sheep, whose head, in the course of the sport, became severed and was tossed about as the ball now is. The ball was substituted for the sheep's head presumably after all the sheep in the neighborhood, on hearing a Cossack propose a rubber of "Kavkaz," began making a point of being in another section of Russia before the whistle blew.



FOR the convenience of the patrons, a scorecard is furnished and the players are numbered. We are therefore able to report that Sossoff, at cover-point, played a whirlwind game for the White Hats, while Nikinshin and Jzvorin

for the Rimless Derbies were towers of strength on the defense. The Rimless Derbies won, but locker-room gossip had it that the White Hats were not satisfied with several decisions. The White Hats also look forward to an excellent season next year, as most of this year's team are sophomores who need only a little more rib-breaking and cartilage-pulling to make them veterans of considerable power.



THOSE patrons desiring sex-interest in their entertainment will find it aplenty in the Cossack show in the number entitled "Abduction of the Bride." In this spectacular bit of rapine, we see the bridal party in the throes of stupendous intoxication, presumably following the groom's bachelor dinner. We have never seen a wedding group so thoroughly cock-eyed as this one. The bride herself does manage to keep on her saddle, but the groom is dead to the world across the horse's neck like a sack of meal.

It is a very simple matter, then, for a group of cold-sober abductors to dash up, shoot off a few guns, lift the bride to one of their horses, and gallop away with her. We must say, however, that the bride was pretty easy picking. Even though her groom had turned out to be something of a disappointment as a cavalier, she might at least have waited until her abductors had got her out of sight before she began to giggle.



THERE is also quite a bit of chorus singing done by a Glee Club, including—you guessed it—"The Song of the Volga Boatmen." That bit of harmony for male voices must correspond in Russia to our "Sweet Addine" in popularity. The singing and dancing are good, but we could have stood a little less for the sake of an extra period of "Kavkaz." We missed one number, down on the program cryptically as "Picking Up Articles from Ground"; so we probably never shall know the nature of this act.



OH, yes, there was a new play opening that week. It was called "One Man's Woman" or "One Woman's Man." It was another of those Pango-Pango-Hawaiian bits, and we left at the end of the first act. At that, we were just a slave to our conscience and our job.

Robert Benchley.



Clo: ted certainly is full of pep when he's dancing, isn't he? Flo: yes, indeed! he's always right up on your toes.

Anything But-

"New York is the City of Cities, the Wonder Metropolis of the World. Whatever can be found elsewhere, that can be found also in New York."—From a real estate boosting circular.

WELL, maybe. That is, of course, anything except—

Natives capable of directing strangers to the street from the express platform of the Pennsylvania subway station.

Citizens possessing sufficient courage to penetrate the highways, byways and bosky dells of the New York Public Library in search of a book.

An open, horse-drawn carriage occupied by other than (a) two old ladies in black silk temporarily registered at the Waldorf, or (b) a group of young gentlemen somewhat the worse for liquor and having one hell of a time.

A taxicab driver possessing the faintest inkling of which way the one-way streets go south of Fourteenth.

A sightseeing bus that starts when the barker says it will start.

Enforcement of the theatre-ticketspeculating law.

"Play streets for children" not given over to a fleet of trucks, taxis and vegetable hawkers' wagons. Any brownstone-front house in the Forties or Fifties, a ring at the basement bell of which won't bring to the door a personage with interrogating eyebrows and a napkin over his arm.

Torchlight parades in honor of Wayne B. Wheeler.

The firm conviction (a) among residents, that after you've lived a while in New York pretty nearly any other

town would look good to you, and (b) among non-residents, that New York is a poor place to visit but would be perfectly swell to live in.

Any "New Yorker," resident for more than a year, who will confess ever to have visited the Statue of Liberty, the Woolworth Tower, Grant's Tomb or the Aquarium.

Gentiles (obs.).

Tip Bliss.

Nailing a Rumor

LONGACRE: They say your daughter is making money hand over fist.

BOUWERIE: Yeh—but the manicure business ain't what it used to be!

MOST Ford owners have developed a good bump of location.



BROADWAY BANTER

Second Art-

ist: OH, THE USUAL THING

-LAYOFFS

AND SLEEPER

JUMPS.

Literary" surrounded by ladies, from whom he is hardly distinguishable. Even so, Wallace's interest is mainly in the literature of the stage and doesn't go far-

ther back than Dunsany. Ask him who

Clyde Fitch or Charles Hoyt was and he would flunk the exam.

In a way, though, Onderdonck was responsible for the crystallization of our literary group into a definite organization. The formation of "Ye Mummers" left a number of erstwhile amateur actors out of the fold. They felt snubbed and expressed themselves in no uncertain terms.

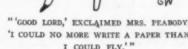
Mrs. Dr. Vetch, the minister's wife, was especially incensed.

"Who is Fannie Tuttle, I should like to know," she asked, "to give herself airs because she is in with that idiotic actor crowd? Hmph."

"You're absolutely right," agreed Mrs. Libby, who was not used to being left out of anything. "What this village needs is an organization of thinking women, some of those who read books and-er-"

She paused, not being able to think of what else people read.

"I'll tell you what we'll do," said Mrs. Libby, her eyes alight at the prospect of getting the jump on some



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"'GOOD LORD,' EXCLAIMED MRS. PEABODY, 'I COULD NO MORE WRITE A PAPER THAN I COULD FLY."

one, "we'll meet at my house next

Tuesday and organize, informally.

Who'll we ask?'

Out of this small and private indignation meeting came the germ of the Ladies' Literary. The original members were a select lot, bound together by a sense of injury. Mrs. Luther Pritchett, Mrs. Horace Bemis, Miss Enid Flamm-these and others found themselves more and more outside the pale of the more sprightly dramatic set. They thus automatically became candidates for the new organ-

ization. A few fearful pinheads were admitted on this basis.

This didn't matter at first, for the subject of literature was entirely submerged by the anvil chorus and by the cries of delight when the food was served. I looked in on one of the early meetings and was appalled at the enthusiasm created by a tray of particularly poisonouslooking sandwiches.

"My dear," screamed Mrs. Bemis, "how do you make these little blossoms of cheese and pimento? They are poems!"

Mrs. Libby, who was hostess, held the floor with an entrancing description of just how the "poems" were made, but this seemed to be the limit of the literary allusions at that time.

There was tremendous competition, I recall, among suc-



"HEARING ENID FLAMM TRY TO TELL ABOUT THE PLOT OF A BOOK SHE HADN'T EVEN READ."

S I believe I have pointed out, we are, at times, distinctly cultural out our way. Oh, yes, indeed. Contrary to the idea of dyed-in-the-wool city-dwellers, we do not revert to vegetables because we live in the open spaces of the country. Our lives are filled with charming, civilizing influences and organizations, prominent among which I must put the "Ladies' Literary," as our bookish sodality is called. Perhaps every community has such a group, but it is hard for me to believe that they are as austerely highbrow as ours. The requirements, social and mental, have been going up steadily, like the high cost of living, until now only intellectual Brahmins need apply.

This love of literature is confined almost exclusively to the ladies. Among the men folks there isn't a quiver of excitement about getting up a library or anything like that. They give over their week-ends to exercise, and if they feel the need of any mental stimulant of an evening they switch on the old radio or go to the movies. Their reading-field is restricted to the paper and occasional dabs at a magazine. Really, our American men, taken in bulk, are hopeless lowbrows.

Of course I must except such a person as Wallace Onderdonck, our dramatic coach and president of "Ye Mummers," but he lives almost entirely



"OUR AMERICAN MEN, TAKEN IN BULK, ARE HOPELESS LOWBROWS."

cessive hostesses, who racked their brains to evolve succulent messes that should send their guests home reeling and surfeited. And the question of cocktails was discussed.

"I don't believe in them," said Mrs. Pritchett.

"I know why," shrieked Hannah Coit, who was one of the prize pinheads; "it's because Luther always locks up the likker. He told me he did."

The matter resolved itself pleasantly into leaving the question of cocktails to individual hostesses, but it was remarked by some that Mrs. Pritchett never missed one and was even known to ask on several occasions, "Is there a dividend?"

Strange, is it not, how, in their relations to good things to eat and drink, our ladies know not the meaning of self-control!

It was the competition in menus that finally forced the ladies into a more definite notice of literature.

"We really mustn't eat so much," said Mrs. Libby, through a lettuce leaf. "We never get finished in time to talk about anything, let alone books."

"That's right," said Mrs. Bemis, furtively smacking the mayonnaise on her lips. "We ought to limit our lunches to

three simple courses, and then have a regular hour of discussion, before tea."

With this reasonable arrangement a bookish flavor actually began to permeate the meetings. When the president tapped for order the ladies sank back with a sigh, brushing the crumbs from their façades, and looked resigned. At first books in general were the topic, approached in the most informal way. The conversational ball was left to whoever chose to grab it and this was always either Mrs. Libby or Miss Flamm, more probably the latter, who. as correspondent of the Bulletin, was more an courant with what



"'WE REALLY MUSTN'T EAT SO MUCH,"
SAID MRS, LIBBY,"

was going on in the world of bestsellers.

While the others listened the speaker would outline the plot of the latest novel she had read with such comment as she recalled from the columns of the Sunday book supplement. If there is any torture more terrible than that of hearing a plot retold by one who gets off the track from time to time, I have never heard of it. At any rate

it was sufficient to weed out the entirely brainless from the Ladies' Literary, several of whom said frankly that they "couldn't stand hearing Enid Flamm try to tell about the plot of a book she hadn't even read!" In fact, Grace Carter said she caught Enid in a definite lie by asking her what she thought of characters in a certain book who really weren't in it at all, which was a low-down trick because there isn't a person in the world who hasn't pretended that way, some time or other.

After the recalcitrant members had retired a more serious purpose began to animate the club. In order to escape from the constant monologues of Mrs. Libby and Miss Flamm it was suggested that each member prepare a paper in turn. It should be her afternoon. She could choose her own topic and have the floor without interruption, after which there should be a half-hour of general discussion. This narrowed down the circle still further.

"Good Lord," exclaimed Mrs. Peabody, "I could no more write a paper like that than I could fly. I like to get together and have lunch and talk about books but I couldn't read them —I mean," she corrected, "I couldn't write about them."

"Let her stay home, then," said Mrs. Vetch, who is severe. The remark was not meant for Mrs. Peabody's ears, not directly, at least, but it reached them with surprising promptness and her chair was vacant thereafter.

Thus, by a sort of survival of the fittest, the Ladies' Literary has grown into a compact and very serious body. No longer is the discussion random or the choice of a topic haphazard. Nor is it left, now, to the individual selection of a member. Oh, no, nothing like that.

"Why discuss these silly books of to-day?" asked Mrs. Bemis, who has grown into a tower (Cont. on page 32)



"'I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WE'LL DO," SAID MRS, LIBBY, HER EYES
ALIGHT."

Salvation

HAD my being in despair,
A Real Confessions heroine.
I smoked, and drank, and bobbed my hair,

Abandoned to my scarlet sin.

My past was stained with purple shame,

No future promise could be seen... And then my reformation came; The Postal Office made me clean.

I gave myself to mad delights,

The kind described with dash and
dot.

Whatever parties bloomed o' nights, You'd find me Janey on the spot. But in the final paragraphs,

I saw the light that never fails.

I cut my loves, and hushed my laughs,
And won admission to the mails.

James Kevin McGuinness.

Revenge

FARMER BROWN: Whatcha

FARMER BLACK: That auto party tearin' down the pike. They jes' stole the biggest limb off'n my lilac tree.

Brown: What's funny about that? BLACK: It had a hornets' nest on it.

Another June Bride

MILDRED (despondently): I am to marry Jack next week and I am not at all sure that I really love him.

MADELYN: How positively thrilling.

NEVERTHELESS, things have come to a pretty state when a South American has to go to Europe to see a revolution.



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I presume that you are Mr. E.
A. Kittle?

Mr. KITTLE: Yeah-I'm Mr. Kittle. ADVERTISING SOLICITOR: I came to talk to you about Kittle Kakes and the ultimate consumer. Our Research Department has spent three years in a specific analysis of the buckwheat cake industry. I am ready to put our exhaustive findings before you....Frankly, it will open your eyes. It shows the per capita consumption of buckwheat in every home lit by electricity. It shows the growth in population in dense buckwheat cake-consuming areas. It shows conclusively that divorce is practically unknown in towns that have a ninety per cent. or over buckwheat cake coverage. It shows-

MR. KITTLE: Pardon me....Helloyeah, this is Kittle. No, I didn't say free seats—I said three seats. Yeah, "Abie's Irish Rose."...Now, Mr.—

ADVERTISING SOLICITOR: Pebbles is my name—Ernest Pebbles. I was touching upon our recent buckwheat cake research work—but I see you're busy, so I'll come to the point. It is simply this, Mr. Kittle. Kittle Kakes, as we see them, have the greatest potential possibilities in the entire buckwheat cake field. We have ready a series of rough visuals that will form the basic appeal on which to build your future public approach. Featured in the country's prominent media—

Mr. KITTLE: Pardon me....Hello—yeah, this is Mr. Kittle...What say? ...Sure, come right up....Pardon me, Mr.—er—Puddles. Glad to've met you....You'll have to excuse me now. There's a fellow downstairs who wants to sell me some advertising.

L. S. Goldsmith.





"Silence"

HERE is a firm conviction in this department that acting may be (and usually is) finer on the screen than on the stage. That's a statement which is open to considerable argument: if any one calls me on it, I can only reply, "Well-I think so, anyway."

My contention is well supported by H. B. Warner, who played the leading rôle in "Silence" when it was a play and is now doing likewise in what we critics call the film version. Mr. Warner was darned good in the original "Silence"; in the present interpretation he is not far short of magnificent. Thinking back over a long stretch of years, I can recall very few performances that have been so completely, so genuinely true.

The picture itself touches greatness in a few of its scenes -notably the ultimate march to the gallows; and then again, it descends to the rankest mediocrity. In one episode, we see Mr. Warner talking to a simpering and rather camerashy child who says, "Dat's my birfday cake, mans." To concede that Mr. Warner holds the spectator's interest and heartfelt sympathy throughout this scene is to pay the highest conceivable tribute to his art.

TO return to the subject of our first paragraph. There is every reason why the general standard of acting should be higher on the screen than on the stage. For one thing, the film magnates can pay more, and few indeed are the actors who will refuse to listen to reason. For another thing, it is more practicable for a movie director to observe. and correct the actors' faults. If one player in a picture

gives a flagrantly bad performance, his part may be cut until it is sufficiently unobtrusive, or the scenes in which he appears may be retaken.

When we consider individual stars, we find that most of the really great artists have stuck to the stage; but we also find that the greatest of them all, Charlie Chaplin, and possibly the next greatest, Emil Jannings, are essentially products of the silent drama.

I'm not trying to say that acting on the screen requires more real ability or intelligence than the other kind: it probably doesn't. I'm thinking not of preparatory effort but of results, as they are visible to the undraped eye of the casual observer.

"Tramp, Tramp, Tramp"

HARRY LANGDON, a recent recruit to the "Dead Pan" school of comedy, has made his first feature picture. It is called "Tramp, Tramp," and it tells of a humble boob who plodded across the continent to advertise a brand

So far as Harry Langdon is concerned, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp" is exceptional. Langdon lacks the crispness of Harold Lloyd and Buster Keaton; he is ever at a loss for something to do; he never hurries. But his appeal is undeniable and utterly irresistible. He looks out at the world through large, saucer eyes, trying desperately hard to comprehend, and never quite succeeding. If I were a Gilbert Seldes I should say that Harry Langdon symbolizes something or other-but I can't decide what it is, so we'll have R. E. Sherwood. to let it go.

Recent Developments

Aloma of the South Seas. Gilda Gray in a treat for the eyes and starvation diet for the intellect.

Money Talks. About as bad as they come.

The Wilderness Woman. Loud farce, in which Chester Conklin is

Brown of Harvard. No Yale man should miss this.

Hell-Bent fer Heaven. Back to the rugged mountains, whence came "Tol'able David" and "Driven."

Wet Paint. Raymond Griffith's first

A Social Celebrity. Adolphe Men-

jou and that prize cutie, Louise Brooks, in a feeble farce.

The Volga Boatman. The more praise Cecil De Mille gets from the critics, the less money he makes.

The Sea Beast. An excessively ham drama, made even more so by John Barrymore's "acting."

Beverly of Graustark. Marion Davies is very nice in pants-but other-Marion wise, it's a poor picture.

Mile. Modiste. A series of fashion plates, with Corinne Griffith.

The Flaming Frontier. Custer's positively last stand (I hope).

Fascinating Youth. Collegiate an-

tics in the Paramount School for refined young people.

For Heaven's Sake. Harold Lloyd as ever.

Mare Nostrum. Teutonic dirty work below sea level.

Ben-Hur. Ramón Novarro and a few thousand others in the biggest circus of them all.

La Bohême. Dismal doings in the Quartier Latin, involving Lillian Gish and John Gilbert.

The Black Pirate, Moana, The Merry Widow, Stella Dallas and The Big Parade—the vote on all of these is still "yes."



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Bobby's Idea



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he is found with his ear against a door and they tell him it is very naughty to listen in that manner, he answers, "I'm not listening; I'm just practicing auscultation!

-Marcel Arnac, in Le Journal (Paris).

Menckeniana

AT a conservative estimate, there is one new Mencken story every week. An old one which dates from the time when H. L. was editor of the Smart Set has recently been uncovered. An aspiring young poetess posted to Mencken a poem in an envelope from her personal stationery, which was scented. By return mail the verse came back with the following rejection:

"Your poetry is awful, but your perfume is superb."-New Yorker.

His Thought on the Matter

During a recent Metropolitan Opera matinee in Atlanta, a local business man asked another in the lobby: "Have you

"Well, I really haven't," was the answer, "but I feel it my duty to be here to help boost our city."

-Musical Courier.

The Irrepressible You-All

Southern Tourist: Where are youall from, fella?

NORTHERN SAME: Oh, I'm all from home, Colonel .- Colorado Dodo.



Son of the House: TELL ME, ARE YOU IN-VITED OUT THIS EVENING, MARIE? Marie (expectantly): NO ... SIR. "THEN PERHAPS THERE'S A CHANCE OF MY GETTING CALLED AT SEVEN IN THE

MORNING." -Klods-Hans (Copenhagen).

Demobilization

("Perambulators are replacing artillery."

—Polish dispatch).

RELIEVED of all their late alarms, Say reassuring cablegrams, In Poland now the babes in arms Have peacefully resumed their prams. -Chicago Daily News.

Not So Long Ago

Who remembers when a couple of months abroad qualified the traveler for twenty-five lecture dates back home, with stereopticon slides?-Detroit News.

"AUNT EDITH, what is a confession?" "Gossiping about yourself, my dear." -Boston Transcript.



"HER FEET BENEATH HER PETTICOAT LIKE LITTLE MICE STOLE IN AND OUT, AS IF THEY PEARED THE LIGHT." SIR JOHN SUCKLING (1630). -New Masses.

Ding-a-Ling!!

RADIO EXPERT (just awakened by loud noise from telephone): Radio Shop.

VOICE: Hello, we're holding a dance to radio music on that set I bought of you last week. "Well?"

"I want to know which dial to turn to make it play faster."

Science and Invention.

Untrustworthy

"Do you believe in divorce?" "Not any more," answered Miss "Some of the most famous Cavenne. divorces of late have resulted in reconciliations."-Washington Star.

The Striker's Ideal

From an advertisement - "Wanted, Cook-General...every Sunday and weekday out."-Cambridge Granta.

Well, anyway, the franc is good to the last drop .- New York World.



"I DON'T BELIEVE IN A WOMAN'S GOING TO A RESTAURANT BY HERSELF." "BECAUSE OF CONVENTION?" "NO. BECAUSE SHE HAS TO PAY HER CHECK." -Le Ruy Blas (Paris).

Ingratitude, Thou Marble-Heartel Fiend!

THE best comment we ever heard on "King Lear" is the story told of a matronly lady in a private box who, after the scene between the demented king and his daughter, Goneril, turned to another matronly lady and said, in tones that could be heard all over the theatre:

"Rather an unpleasant family, these Lears!"-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

We Have Another Engagement

SPORTING note in a Renton (Wash.) paper-"The Renton Gun Club will hold another shoot this Sunday at their traps on Smithers Field. The shooting will start at about nine o'clock and will continue as long as any one is left to shoot." -Literary Digest.

So There Was

PROFESSOR (at an informal studentprof. session): Well, it seems there was an absent-minded professor who-wholet's see, what was I starting to say? -Cincinnati Cynic.

"ARE you fond of dancing?" "I hop to tell you!"

Cornell Widow.



"AND HOW WILL YOU HAVE HIM CLIPPED, LADY?

"WITH A BOYISH BOB, OF COURSE." -Le Rire (Paris).

So Shall Ye Know Them

In a family where a new radio was installed the excitement spread even to the kitchen, and induced the colored cook to peep in at intervals. Once, when she was bobbing back, abashed, her kindly mistress told her to come in, if she liked, and listen.

"It's the church service, but I don't know what denomination," explained the lady of the house.

The servant listened delightedly, and then when the service could hardly be distinguished from various other sounds, her face cleared with the light of discovery.

"That must be static," the mistress was saying, when Molly interrupted:

"Oh, no'm-dey's done got religion." -Collier's

Good for Business

MANAGER: I think Jones is worth a lot more money than he's getting! Boss: We want more like him, Perkins .- Smith's Weekly (Sydney).

ALL the world loves a lover until he complicates the parking problem. -Terre Haute Star.

OUESTIONS OF TACT

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"YES, BUT AFTERWARDS WE SHALL NOT THINK OF AFFRONTING OUR CLIENTS BY REFUSING THEIR TIPS."

-Le Rire (Paris).

Who Saw America First?

WHILE "The Flaming Frontier" showing recently at the Colony, in New York, two Indians were employed for advertising purposes outside the theatre.

Accosting one of the red men, an inquisitive gray-haired woman asked:

"You are a real Indian, aren't you?" "Yes, madam," was the courteous re-

"How do you like our city?" "Fine, madam. How do you like our country?"—Motion Pictures Today.

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Look to Your Laurels, Nathalia!

POEM contributed by Miss Emily Evins, aged eight, of Atlanta, Ga.: Sister, brother, mother dear, Father, baby, nurse,

All help to make our happy home Better, if not worse.

-New York World.

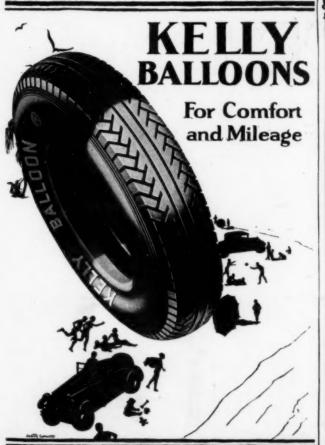
SAILOR (shouting): Man overboard! SEASICK PASSENGER (with a groan): Lucky dog!-Boston Transcript.

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Manhattan Amuses Me-

BECAUSE I saw a girl wearing flannelette, military-collared pajamas emerge from the soiled bedclothes of her cot, in a Village basement room, prop herself with a pillow, sneeze, tie a veteran gray sweater around her shoulders, brace a trusty Corona on her knees and write the daily style column for a city newspaper, entitled-"Fashion Bits from Paris."

Because in the Brevoort Hotel, which the Muddle West "yokels" consider a bit wicked, I was running the bath water at eleven-thirty when the house detective tapped on the door to say that the guests in the next room had telephoned a complaint-they objected to noise after ten o'clock.

Because a Californian who had not been East for five years chose his New York hotel from an alluring advertise-

ment, breezed in, registered and asked the rate. A callow, patent-leatherhaired clerk casually informed him, "Twenty dollars a day." "Good God!" retorted the bronzed gentleman. "I might as well stay at the Ritz." Without batting an eyelid, the keeper of the desk and book responded, "Certainly, sir, if you wanta stay at second-class hotels, that's up to you."

Grace Z. Brown.

Prodigal

'SUCH a spenditt he is, my wife's brother," said the Cloak-and-Suiter. "Five hundred here, paying a note-six hundred there, paying a bill -just like money was spinach, and grew on trees!"

SLOGAN of the Broadway producers - "Nothing succeeds like sexess."

Among the New Books

Mantrap. By Sinclair Lewis (Harcourt, Brace). Believe it or not, but this one is a story laid in the Northern wilds and centering about a trader, a tenderfoot and a girl. To be reviewed

Jazz. By Paul Whiteman (Sears). This, that and the other about a current mania revealed by one of the men higher up. With pictures.

The Paris That Is Paris. By Watson White (Scribner). A readable guide-book which backs up its directions with logged and history.

tions with legend and history.

The Dreadful Decade. By Don C.
Seitz (Bobbs-Merrill). The outlandish experiences of the Reconstruction

The Verdict of Bridlegoose. By Llewelyn Powys (Harcourt, Brace). A plainspoken Englishman tells what he thinks of us.

The Silver Forest. By Ben Ames Williams (Dutton). Seven New Yorkers stranded in the Maine woods become involved with murder and mys-

tery.

The Heart of Black Papua. By Merlin Moore Taylor (McBride). Adventures among the cannibals of New

The Red Gods Call. By C. E. Scoggins (Bobbs-Merrill). Fictionized contrast between Muncie, Indiana, and points considerably farther south.

The Arcturus Adventure. By Wil-

liam Beebe (Putnam). An account of the New York Zoölogical Society's first oceanographic expedition written by the man who headed it. With many and marvelous illustrations.

Brawnyman. By James Stevens (Knopf). The American laborer as

protagonist.

The Four Winds. By Sinclair Gluck (Dodd, Mead). The adventures of a young man who got mixed up with some bandits in a great city.

Co-Ed. By Olive Deane Hormel (Scribner). The story of a girl who chose the State University instead of

Vassar.

If You Must Cook. By Jennette Lee (Dodd, Mead). An interesting exposition of first principles, flanked by

sition of first principles, flanked by sample menus, by a woman who until the age of fifty was more interested in Pater than in pots.

The Story of Philosophy. By Will Durant (Simon & Schuster). The lives and opinions of the greater philosophers. Fascinating reading.

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Maude, in collaboration with Charles Hanson Towne (Sears). The novel-ized experiences of an elderly actor in a hotel.

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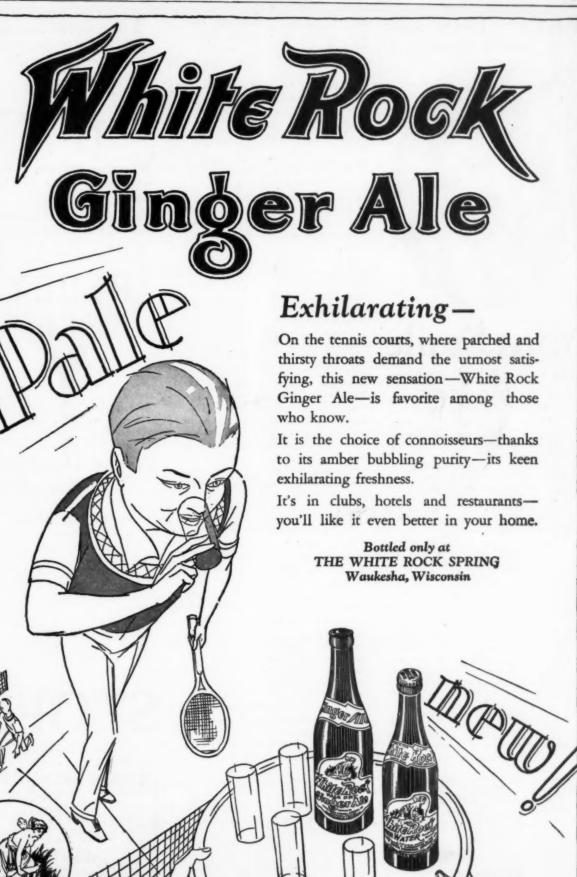


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For I think a little worth-while thought that's every bit my own!

Carolyn Wells.

The Younger Married Set

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of strength, "this awful Arlen person? these trivial modern writers? Our field, I think, should be with the development of literature, with the causes which have produced our moderns. To look into these, we must go back, we must be more scholarly..."

"Hear, hear," boomed Mrs. Libby. Mrs. Libby has a voice that puts anything across when she really gets her lungs into it. So now the Ladies' Literary devotes itself to perfectly tremendous topics. At the beginning of a season the ladies allot themselves something horrific like "An Analysis of Greek and Roman Philosophy, with Its Possible Application to Modern Life." The topics for individual study call for theses of not less than twenty thousand words! The last time I spoke with poor Miss Flamm she was in a state bordering on nervous breakdown.

"I've got to have my paper ready for the meeting next Thursday," she wailed. "It's on Mediæval Literature on the Continent, from the third to the eleventh centuries, and I haven't had time to do a thing on it."

"Don't worry," I consoled, for I like Miss Flamm. "I'll bring you out a book on the subject. Just copy out what you want."

Since the meeting I've been hearing about nothing but the "absolutely brilliant paper" that Miss Flamm read! It was a knockout. It ought to have been, being by the most brilliant authority on the subject there is, Mr. Herman Liggett of Harvard. But that didn't appear in Miss Flamm's paper nor in the report of it which she wrote for the Bulletin and in which she was careful to give herself and the Ladies' Literary no less than justice.

It might appear that our literary group had taken all the fun out of the game by making it so deadly serious, but, bless you, no, they have wonderful times, putting things over on each other, and every once in a while something exciting breaks loose like the Farwell-Onderdonck "affair," a real bit of intrigue which has had the whole town by the ears. It first blew up right at one of the Ladies' Literary meetings, but the thing is so elaborate and exciting that I shall have to give it a description of its own.

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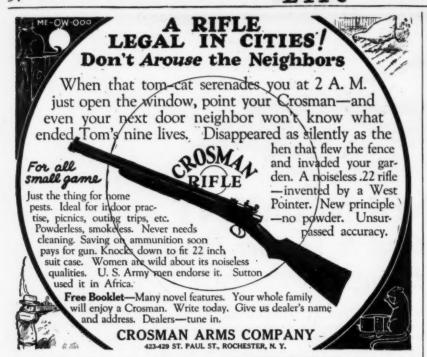


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ANY one who desires to compete in the Travel Contest (see page 12), and is not quite sure of the conditions, should write to the Travel Contest Editor, LIFE, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City. We shall be glad to answer any questions concerning the conditions of this Contest.

Q. Paragraph 1 of the conditions says "on the detection of these mistakes the contest is based." Paragraph 2 says "send in the set of letters with your correction of each error plainly marked." Paragraph 3 says "the first prize will be awarded to the contestant who indicates the greatest number of errors." Please make this a little clearer.

-R. H., Chicago.

A. Each error in Joan's letters must be corrected. For instance, if she says: "I saw Napoleon's birthplace in St. Cloud," you should mark that as an error, and explain (in the margin, or on a separate sheet of paper), "Napoleon was not born in St. Cloud, but in Corsica." You don't need to be more explicit than

Q. If the winner can't use a trip to Europe, will he receive the equivalent in cash?-R. W., New York.

A. No. He may present the trip to Europe to any one he may choose, or-if he happens to be Sinclair Lewis-he may refuse the prize altogether. In that case the trip to Europe will be awarded to the winner of the second prize.

This Way Out

TEN little criminals, in their cells so

One demanded a parole-and then there were nine.

Nine little criminals, unworried by their

Sob writers were intrigued by oneand then there were eight.

Eight little criminals ("Say, bo, ain't this h-h-heaven?");

One recalled a friend at court-and then there were seven.

Seven little criminals, laughing at the "dicks";

One acted in the prison play-and then there were six.

Six little criminals-happy? Man alive! One broadcast on the radio-and then there were five.

Five little criminals, near the Open

One had to see his aunt-and then there were four.

Four little criminals, gay as gay could

One played the fiddle rather well-and then there were three.

Three little criminals (they knew just what to do):

One complained about his health-and then there were two.

Two little criminals ("My, ain't we got fun?");

One proved the guards were strict with him-and then there was one.

One little criminal, loafing in the sun; He wrote a Prisoner's Song !- and then there was none.

Douglas Turney.

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who wish to obtain back numbers of LIFE, containing Joan's first six letters, the coupon to the right will prove useful.

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Creighton Peet.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, according to Prof. Reginald A. Daly, is in desperate need of "a real seismologist." Also, we might add while requisitions are being made, a real backfield.



Mrs. Pep's Diary

(Continued from page 14)

editor. To luncheon with Mabel Loomis and Effie Goings at a publick, where we did make a fine meal on clams, scrod and chiffonade salad, and then Effie and I to take a candled cake to Marie Doro, it being her birthday, and we did drink sparkling Burgundy to the occasion out of the handsomest goblets that ever I saw in my life. Then home, finding my hairdresser in tears because she had mistaken the Georgian inkwell which Mistress White did give me for the silver bell like which it looks, and had flung ink all over her clothing and our carpet. So now I do pray that the exceptions proving David's rule about all men's being liars are the gentlemen who advertise

A great box of roses this morn-May ing from Biff Haskins, and for 26th no reason, which is the most delightful one of all for sending flowers, and when I was putting them in the antique vase which Alice de Zaldo did give me I did marvel that anything with the date 1741 blown into its crystal should still be sufficiently intact to hold flowers. Lord! it seemeth sometimes that we do never sit down to a meal during which there is not a crash in the kitchen to remind me of the earlyacquired precept that a gentlewoman retains her composure in such circumstances, even to the extent of the fall of the ceiling, albeit it would be much more comforting in many instances to know definitely that nought but a piece of plaster had made the clatter, and not one of the best Spode cups. Off to search for a hat to wear to a wedding on Saturday next, and did find a most suitable one of fine black straw, and with a wide brim, too, thank God! So now with my new crepe Roma coat, black chiffon frock and heaviest pearls I shall be doing myself exceedingly well, if I can avoid being mistaken by strangers for a saleswoman in a department store. Home at tea time, to find Sam there with a book wrote by Gerald Stanley Lee, the husband of Mistress Lee who did instruct me in the principles of criticism, and in which is set forth, I do hear, a method of exercising whilst sitting still, which I do mean to look thoroughly into, as it is the only method of exercise, outside of tennis or handball, which makes any appeal to me soever.

Baird Leonard.

Kith and Kin

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E. T. Conroy.

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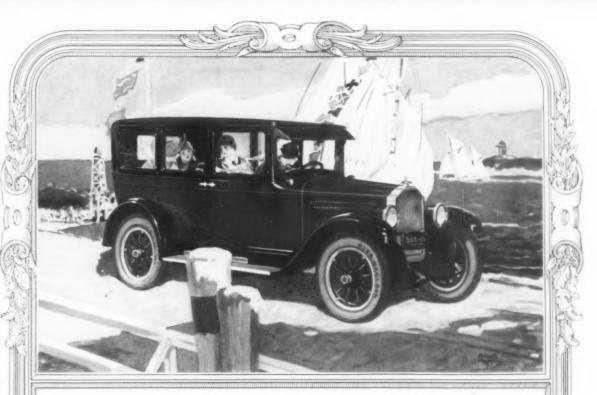
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